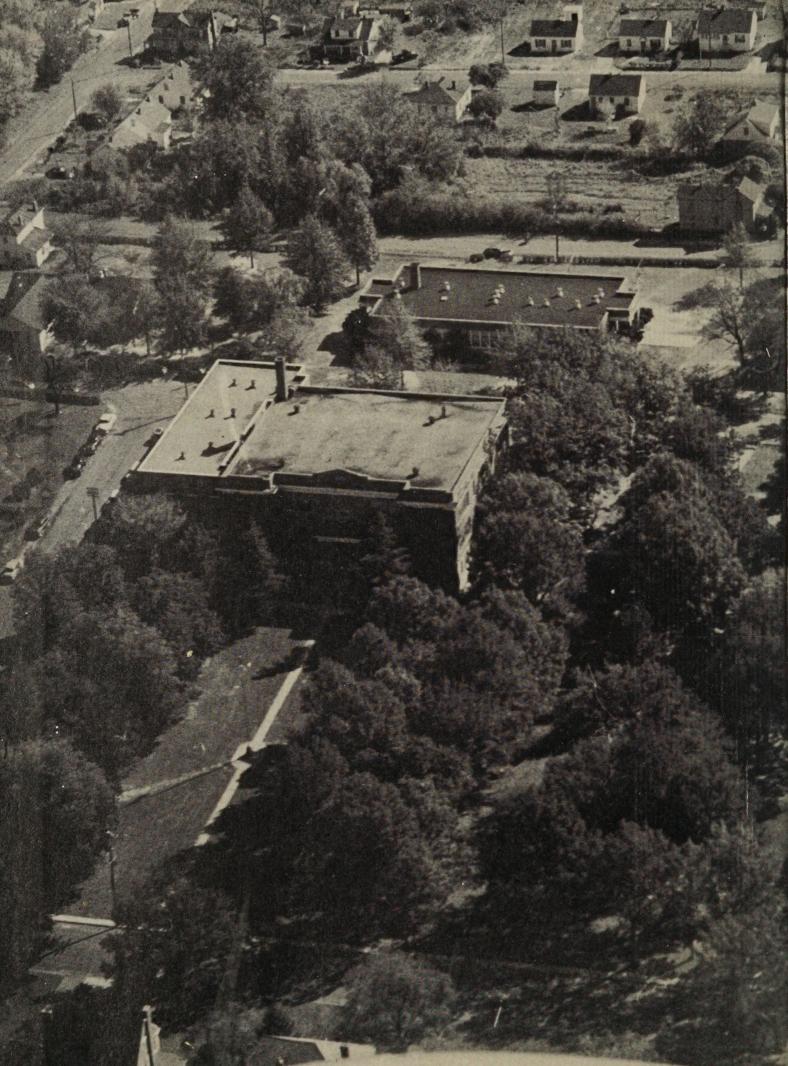
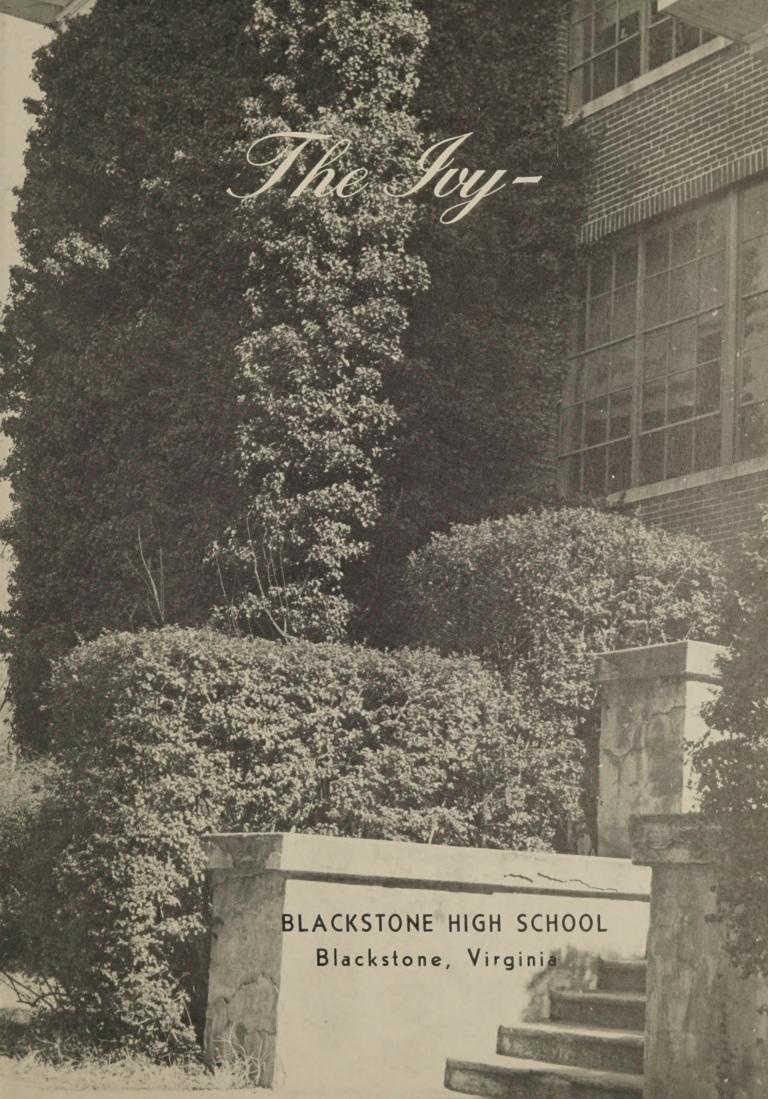
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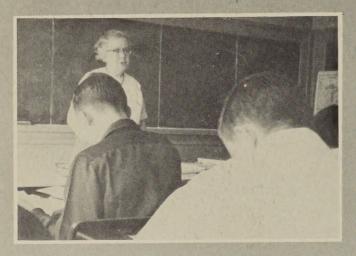
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For the high standards she sets in all her classes,
For her help in producing the Ram's Horn,
But especially for her humor, her sympathy, and her friendship,
We dedicate this volume of The Ivy to our business teacher,
Mrs. DeBusk.



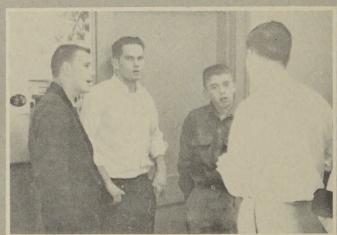
The Last Nod (before a nap)



Peek-a-boo! (Hutch and White



That Deadpan Look (Miss Hammock)



And they say girls gossip!



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T.C. gets it straightfrom the horse's mouth.





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"Life is what you make it"; so goes the motto of the class of '56. In the five years since they have been in high school, they have excelled in many fields -- Sports, Student Government, and Academic Standing. Their flower, the white iris, shows purity. Their colors, too, are significant. Blue and white--white for purity and blue for loyalty. Their school life has truly been rich. We predict that their life after graduation will be successful for "Life is what you make it."



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Safety Patrol 4; Beta 4; National Honor Society 5; Ram's Horn 4; Commercial 4.



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Waiting for the bell to ring



"Bucky, what else did you do on Saturday?"



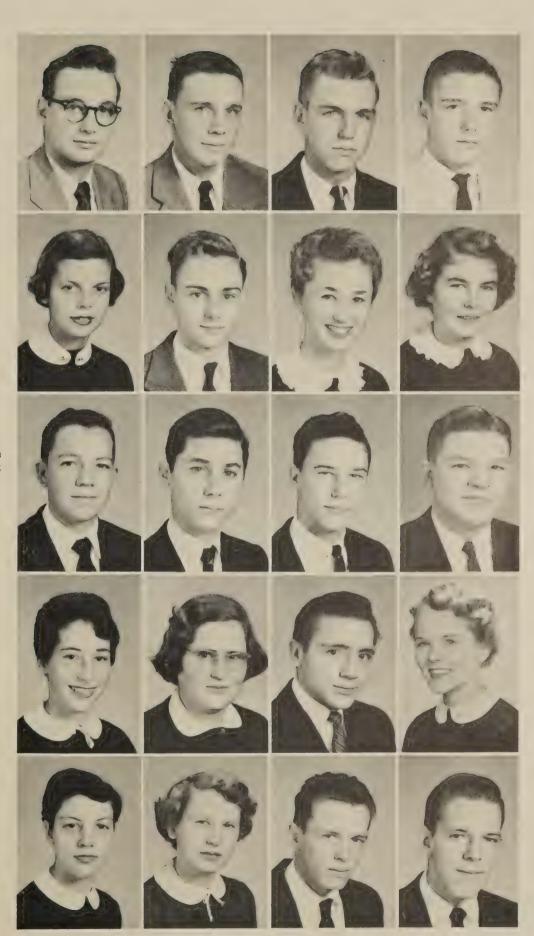
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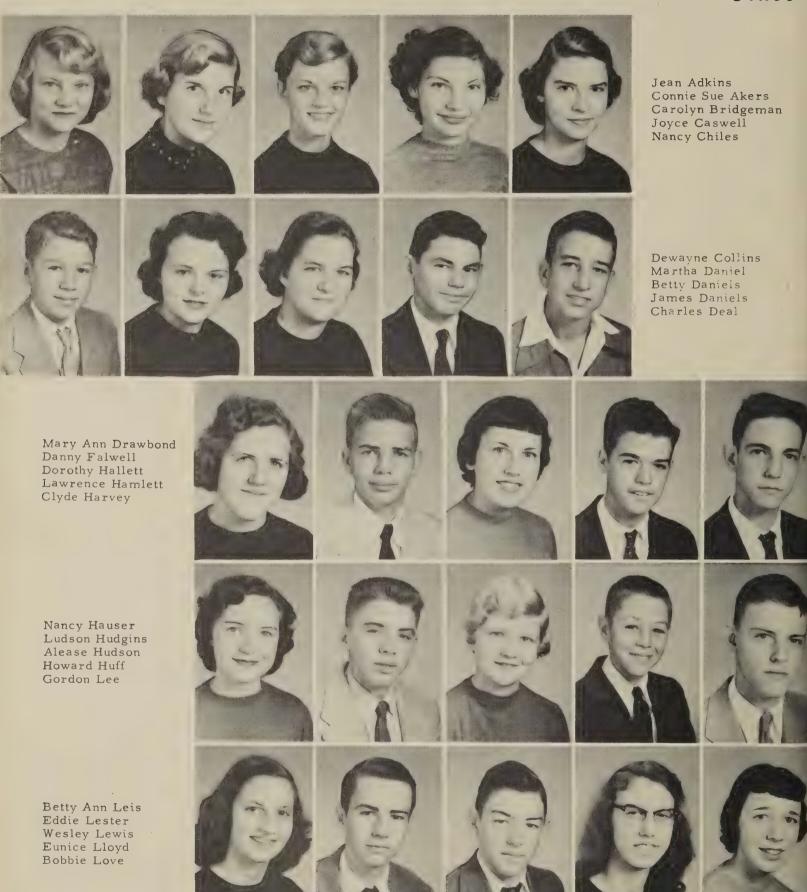
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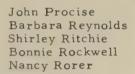
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Miss Maben solves the problem.



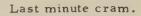
"Psh! Lucy, what's the answer?"



Did she say "i" before "e" or "e" before "i"?



Is this Study Hall?!!!





Mrs. Parr teaches us to parler français.







Stuart Armes William Baskervill Mary Sue Boisseau Vernon Dean Dennis Cassada

Buck Clark Herbert Crowder Frank Dalton Billy Davis Willa Decker

Louise Edmonds Gerald Fisher Dick Forrester Joan Genereau Carolyn Good

Jane Gracey Larry Hammock Vera Harris Robert Hawkes Harry Hutcherson

Betty Jacobs Joy Jones Walter Mac Jones Betty Krieder Betty Krenzer

Aubrey Lewis Shelva Martin Larry Mayne Elizabeth McNair Sadie Mitchell

James Morris John Neff Douglas Palmore Harriet Papouchis Brenda Phelps

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Betty Stell
Virginia Thorp
Howard Tompkins

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Loretta Via Elsie Mae Watson Patricia Wilson Peter Zaepful

Rat Day



Mr. Wildman, what will your wife say?



"Cure" really has the service.



Nosing around

Hey Rats! Is that cheese you're eating?



BIGAMY IS ILLEGAL!







Kelso calls the meeting to order.

Student Council

The purpose of the S.C.A. is to provide a student organization to promote the general welfare of the school and community. It is done by providing training for each individual for his membership in a democracy, by promoting cooperation between the students, faculty, and community, and by coordinating and stimulating interest in all student activities.

The success of the S.C.A. depends largely on the extent and manner that the above is carried out.

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Safety Patrol

Rain or shine, hot or cold, there is a patrol member on duty to safeguard the pupils of Blackstone High School. The patrolmen have the important responsibility of helping children past dangerous crossings and guiding them off or on buses.

While the patrolman has no authority to stop traffic or to force obedience, yet by his presence he warns motorists and children to practice safety rules.

Buck, Wayne, and John take a break before the 3:15 rush.



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Mr. Bender, the director

Glee Club

The Glee Club is composed of students from the eighth through the twelfth grades who have a special interest in music. The purpose of the Glee Club is to promote a greater interest and participation in music in the school and the community. The music is varied from joyous to serious and from pop to classical. Performances are given to the school and various civic organizations such as the P-T-A- and the Woman's Club.



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Buck and Danny tune up.

Band

The Band has been reorganized this year after four years without a teacher. For this reason, all the members except John Koonce, Frank Davis, and Sam Harrelson are beginners, just learning their instruments. They are working in classes of mixed instruments: the high school, two class periods a week; and the grade school, one. The combined band meets for twenty minutes every Friday. What they lack in money and time, they make up in enthusiasm. Just wait until the B. H. S. Band leads our Victory Parade!



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Betty, Doris, and Margaret type up the school paper.

Commercial Club

The Commercial Club, organized only last year, is composed of students having an interest in business and taking or have taken at least one commercial subject.

The Commercial Club have for their objectives (1) to sponsor an awards program to encourage progress in commercial subjects, (2) to furnish typists for the school paper each year, and (4) to assist in typing problems relating to school functions.

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Ram's Horn

With the weekly circulation of the Ram's Horn, parents and teachers, as well as B. H. S. students, are kept well-informed on the latest news. In all the phases of production, the reporters and typists benefit from their experiences which include drawing, interviewing for reports, assigning articles, and mimeographing.

The Ram's Horn is the product of much hard work

and the cooperation of all Blackstone.

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Jerry and Jennie Marshall put the news on the press.

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Seated: Joe Borum, Assistant Business Manager; Patsy Hutcherson, Assistant Business Manager; Betty White, Business Manager; Peggy Sutphin, Editor; Patricia Barrow, Assistant Editor; Mrs. Jordan, Sponsor; Meriwether Hurt, S.C.A. Representative. Standing: Bobbie Love, Joan Tunstall, Barbara Mast.

"Don't look so sad!"
says Tommy Bradshaw,
staff photographer.

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Annual Staff

During summer meetings, plans for the '56 Ivy began; theme, dedication, and color were carefully selected. Business Manager, Betty White, and her assistants began selling ads to the town merchants, who were very cooperative.

In the fall, the editor, Peggy Sutphin, and the photographer, Tommy Bradshaw, were busy planning the dummy and taking pictures for the first deadline.

The staff worked hard this year in hopes of having an annual that would please the students.

Several of the staff members went to SIPA in the spring.

National Honor Society

The National Honor Society is a national high-school organization that recognizes outstanding students on the basis of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. No honor conferred by the school excels that of this society. It represents the basic objectives for which schools were instituted and gives recognition to those who have most nearly attained the desired ends. The motto is "Noblesse Oblige," meaning responsibility of each member to society.

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Dramatics Club

If "all the world's a stage," then the Dramatic Club offers all the high school a chance to get into the act. Actor or whatever-everyone finds an outlet for his talents. The club encourages play production and appreciation and sets a standard for all dramatic work. Out of eight Dramatic Festivals entered, they have won six district and three state awards. This year they are having study groups and radio programs besides a full production schedule.

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Jerry and Page play the leading roles in "Peter Francisco."



Thespian Society

Thespian Troupe 891 of Blackstone High School is a unit of the Dramatic Honor Society for secondary schools. The National Thespian Society is the largest dramatic organization in the country and one of the most active. Membership is based on character, talent, and work and must be earned by credits in acting a play. Each year the Troupe sponsors the contest play and a three-act play. For the second year they were hosts to the District One-Act Play Festival.

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F. F. A.



Ernest is proud of the Camper of the Week award that he won at F.F.A. Camp.

The Blackstone F.F.A.Chapter is composed of boys taking vocational agriculture in the high school. In Farmers' Day, they exhibit crops which they have grown and articles that they have made in shop. They also participate in the crops, forestry, shop, dairy, and other judging contest. In the spring, they usually have a L-A-N-D Federation banquet and a picnic with the F.H.A. girls. In the summer, they send representatives to the F.F.A.-F.H.A.Camp.

The main purpose of the F.F. A. is to develop aggressive leadership among farm boys.

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F. H. A.

The Future Homemakers of America is the national organization of pupils studying homemaking in grades eight through twelve in the United States and its territories. Some of the purposes of the F. H. A. are to promote a growing appreciation of the joys and satisfaction of homemaking, to work for good home and family life for all, and to provide wholesome individual and group recreation. The motto, "Toward New Horizons," expresses the purpose of the organization.

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Joyce won the Camper of the Week award at F. H. A. Camp.

Seated: Charlotte Leis, Reporter; Alice Gunn, Treas.; Carolyn Lucy, Vice-Pres.; Patricia Ritchie, Pres.; Nancy Lewis, Secretary; Martha Hastings, Historian. Standing: Alease Hudson, Nancy Beville, Pauline Abernathy, Pansy Daniel, Betty Daniels, Jean Williamson, Joyce Throneburg, Nancy Rorer, Joyce Williams, Dorothy Hallett, Kathleen Leis, Patsy Williamson, Shirley Martin, S. C. A. Representative; Mrs. Cassell, Sponsor.





First Row: M. Thacker, E.B. Love, P. Ritchie, Treasurer; P. Williamson, S. C. A. Representative; P. Hutcherson, Secretary; J. Tunstall, Vice-President; V. Hardin, President; J. Spruill, P. Landers, J. Wainwright. Second Row: E. Watson, M. Phelps, B. Mast, S. Ritchie, B. Love, A. Clay, B. White, J. Thorneburg, G. Murray, J. Stokes. Third Row: B. Phelps, Mrs. Parr, Sponsor; B. Rockwell, C. Lucy, B. Kjeldsen, P. Barrow, B. Wray, P. Daniel, M. Daniel, N. Chiles. Fourth Row: C. Bedall, C. Akers, B. Daniels, S. Phelps, J. Gracey, H. Papouchis, C. Good, P. Wilson, S. Tuggle. Fifth Row: M. Powell, W. Decker, R. Hawkins, S. Perkinson, N. Simonton, C. Bridgeman, N. Beville, P. Patterson, E. Bridgeman, A. Patterson, A. Davis.

Pep Club

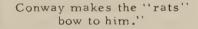
Membership in the Pep Club is open to students who are willing to work and help support the Athletic Association and are eager to show school spirit. Pep Club members are expected to attend all ball games, to take turns selling refreshments and programs and taking up tickets at the games. It is their responsibility to see that the stadium is cleaned up after games. The club has a wide variety of projects that all contribute to making Blackstone High School outstanding.



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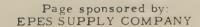


First Row: Ellen Byrd Love, Joy Wainwright, Anne Clay, Patricia Ritchie, Patricia Barrow, Carolyn Lucy. Second Row: Joyce Throneburg, Betty White, Vaniene Hardin, Gloria Murray, Audrey Davis, Nancy Beville, Ruth Hawkins, Doris Lewis, Nancy Lewis. Third Row: Conway Moncure, Richard Nichols, Wayne Bishop, James Dalton, John Koonce, Moncure Crowder, Bobby Daniels, Leroy Matthews, Joe Borum, George Jones, Otho Fraher, Mr. Wildman, Sponsor. Fourth Row: William S. Robertson, Larry Good, Jerry Good, T. C. Atkinson, Tommy West, Bucky Shell, Spencer Elmore, Ernest Robertson, Billy Abernathy.



Varsity Club

The Varsity Club is composed of members who have earned letters in football, basketball, baseball, softball, or as managers or cheerleaders. The purpose of the club is to promote higher standards of athletics and scholarship. It is controlled by a board of six Senior members: Ellen Byrd Love, Joy Wainwright, Anne Clay, Otho Fraher, Ernest Robertson, and Billy Abernathy. Every Christmas the club sponsors a dance for past and present members.



Library Club

One of the best means of developing interest in the school library is through the Library Club.

Students are eligible for membership just as for any other school club--they must have passing grades, high citizenship rating, an attitude of helpfulness, willingness to perform any task assigned, and a love of books.

Its purpose is to sponsor greater interest among the students in the use of books and library service, to stimulate reading interests, and to improve the library service of the school.

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Rachel must have a test next period.

First Table: George Jones, S. C. A. Representative; Lillie Rogers, Vice-President; Richard Nichols, President; Patricia Ritchie, Treasurer; Mrs. Peerman, Sponsor. Second Table: Jean Williamson, Matilda Powell, Joyce Williams, Lois Hawkes, Nancy Beville, Patsy Williamson, Anita Patterson. Third Table: Page Landers, Jennie M. Stokes, Gracie Tompkins, Charlene Bedall, Patricia Brarrow, Carolyn Lucy, Joyce Throneburg. Standing: Richmond Crinkley, Glenn Hurt, John Koonce, Joe Borum, Tommy Bradshaw, Meriwether Hurt, William S. Robertson.





Bloria Mutray

B. H.S. Cheerleaders

Carolyn Lucy

Ellen Byrd Love

Anne Clay

Patricia Barkow

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Vaniene Hardin

Here's What They're Cheering About



Homecoming Score!



Bench Warming!



Abernathy, carry it all the way!!



Victory, victory is our cry!



Go, Ram's, Go!

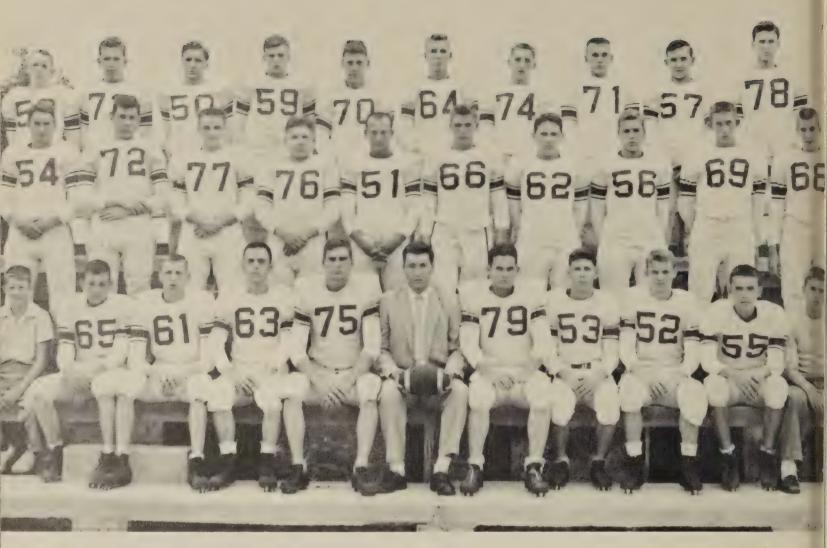
Hold on to that pigskin, Abernathy!



Hit 'em again harder!







First Row: Dwayne Collins, Manager; Bobby Lewis, Wayne Simonton, Kelso Waters, Ernest Robertson. Mr. Wildman, Coach; Bobby Daniels, Billy Weatherford, Tommy West, Hugh Yelverton, Ludson Hudgins, Manager. Second Row: Ray Brugos, Meriwether Hurt, Moncure Crowder, Bobo Jones, Billy Abernathy, Larry Good, Tommy Daniel, Frankie Bradford, John Longmire, Danny Sheffield. Third Row: Richard Hardy, Leroy Matthews, John Koonce, Joe Borum, Charles Rogers, Jerry Good, Bucky Shell, Spencer Elmore, James Dalton, George Jones.

B. H.S. Rams

The Blackstone High School Rams played outstanding football and closed their season with a most satisfactory record-ten wins and one loss.

The team, after winning the District III Championship, went to Farmville where they met Appomattox for the regional title. After a hard struggle, they won the Regional Championship.

The school and the community shared the triumph of the 1955 football team.

Franklin	6	B.H.S.	32
Kenbridge	26	B.H.S.	20
Greensville	0	B.H.S.	13
Victoria	0	B. H. S.	33
Varina	12	B.H.S.	32
Randolph-Henry	0	B.H.S.	39
Farmville	14	B.H.S.	26
Brunswick	6	B.H.S.	39
Crewe	6	B.H.S.	26
Parkview	6	B.H.S.	33
Appomatox	7	B.H.S.	13

Our Star Players



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INCORPORATED

Standing: John Koonce Bobby Daniels Billy Abernathy

Front: Ernest Robertson

Larry Good, Charles Rogers, Jerry Good, Bucky Shell, James Dalton, Spencer Elmore, Joe Borum.





Joe Borum Left end



Ernest Robertson quarter back co captoin



Spencer Elmore left tackle

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James Dalton left guard



Bucky Shell center



John Koonce right half back



Billy Hernathy



Bothy Doniels full back co captain



Jerry Good right quard



Bolo Jones Left quard



Charles Rogers right tackle





Homecoming Dance



I crown thee, Queen Ruth!



Bunny Hop, Hop, Hop!



The princesses make their grand entrance!



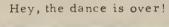
To Joe, little things mean a lot.

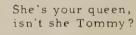


Dancing on a cloud!

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Anybody watching?





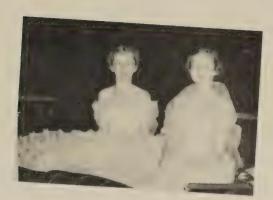




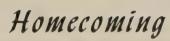




Ernestine Bridgeman Ruth Hawkins



Vaniene Hardin Alice Gunn





Ruth Palmore Queen

Betty White Peggy Patterson



Vernona Robertson Jane Spruill



Nancy Simonton Carolyn Bridgeman



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First Row: Herbert Rutledge, Manager; Hugh Yelverton, Mr. Wildman, Coach; T. C. Atkinson, Tommy Daniel, Richard Slaw, Manager. Second Row: John Longmire, John Koonce, Joe Borum, Ernest Robertson, Spencer Elmore, Bucky Shell.



B. H.S. Rams

The Rams played above average basketball this year to finish with a 7-4 over-all record, and a ll-6 district record. This was enough for a third place tie in the standings. In the tournament the Rams advanced to the semifinals only to be defeated by the runner-up, Brunswick.

Ernest Robertson and Joe Borum were the co-captains this year. Ernest Robertson will be the only graduation loss next year so the Rams are looking forward to an even more successful season.

Mr. Wildman, Coach

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Chrysler, Plymouth



First Row: Shirley Ritchie, Carol Bridgeman, Nancy Simonton, Bobbie Love, Barbara Mast. Second Row: Betty Kjeldsen, Gloria Murray, Charlotte Leis, Betty White, Patricia Ritchie, Jennie Stokes. Third Row: Joy Wainwright, Manager; Betty Daniels, Vaniene Hardin, Patsy Hutcherson, Joyce Throneburg, Anne Clay, Joan Tunstall, Nancy Chiles, Mrs. Cobbs, Coach.

Girls' Basketball

The Blackstone High School Girls' Basketball team, under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Cobbs, completed a fairly successful season with six wins and five defeats. The co-captains for this year were Gloria Murray and Vaniene Hardin. Of the 19 girls on the team, four won letters and five won stars.

The students and the community provided support and encouragement throughout the season.



Mrs. Cobbs, Coach

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Familiar Scenes



Koonce makes a shot!



Will it be good or not?



Rings are here!!!



Last minute make-up.



Luto, I think my ring is prettier than yours.

Lunch time gab session!



Getting ready for those hungry boys!



It was a wonderful week!





Jerry Good, Page Landers, and Matilda Powell as they appeared in "Years Ago."



Page as Ruth Gordon and Larry Good as Fred, her beau, try out a new dance step.

"Years Ago"

by Ruth Gordon

This year for their annual play, the Thespian Society presented "Years Ago" by Ruth Gordon. After many trying days and nights, the stage was set and May 17th the date. Judging by the applause of the audience it was apparent that the play was a "smash hit."

Special credit was given to the cast and stage crew. Jerry Good, Matilda Powell, and Page Landers handled their parts beautifully. Meriwether Hurt, John Koonce, and Vaniene Hardin also deserve congratulations on backstage work.

The play was another triumph for Mrs. Jordan and the Thespian Society.

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Pat Barrow, Page Landers, and Gloria Murray sing out some tunes of the 1900's.



Father and Mother talk over some problems with the teachers.

S.C.A.

This spring a big campaign for next year's of-ficers swept the school. Every morning there were always more new posters up on the walls. On election day one could hardly see the walls for the posters. In the auditorium, one candidate had signs suspended in the air by helium filled ballons. Another candidate had a banner hung across the stage. These are only examples of the many original and colorful slogans used. On election day, the candidates and all the other students were anxiously waiting to hear the final results of the voting.

Kelso Waters, president, presents the gavel to next year's president, Joe Borum.



The newly elected S.C.A. officers: Page Landers, song leader; Irby Moncure, corresponding secretary; Jennie Stokes, recording secretary; Joe Borum, president; John Koonce, vice-president; Larry Good, treasurer; Jimmy Papouchis, pianist.

Mr. Parr presents Kelso Waters with a paper, recognizing outstanding work of the S.C.A. this year.

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PANY

As an expression of thanks for their many contributions to the school and their ready helping hands, the S.C.A. gave gifts to five wonderful people. They were Mr. and Mrs. Parr, Mrs. Peerman, Miss Maben, and Mr. Wildman. Through their fine service B. H. S. has been able to accomplish many things. They will be greatly missed next year. We wish them good luck and success in the future.





For about a week this spring every boy you saw had his nose stuck in a driving manual. They were studying for the annual driving rodeo. Although the contest was open to both boys and girls, there were no girl contestants. Maybe they just couldn't muster up enough nerve. The test consisted of two parts. First the boys were given a written test, then they went to the stadium to try out their driving skills. The winner was Frank Davis. He was presented a plaque by Mr. Cecil Vaughan. Three other boys, who were close behind Frank and who were given certificates, were Joe Borum, Tommy West, and Bobby Daniels. Frank will participate in the district contest.

Ed Silverman helps paint signs for the B.H.S. Band Boosters Club.

The B.H.S. band had a float in the annual 4-H parade.







During one assembly every year, all the juniors and seniors sit and hold their breath. They all know that some of them will be tapped into the National Honor Society. The members are chosen by the faculty on the basis of Character, Leadership, Citizenship, and Service. This year there were seven members tapped into the society. The surprised and happy new members were Vaniene Hardin, Matilda Powell, Lois Hawkes, Lillie Rogers, Larry Good, Jennie Stokes, and Meriwether Hurt.

Glenn Hurt taps Larry Good into the National Honor Scoeity.



Every year members of the "Ivy" and "Ram's Horn" staffs attend the SIPA convention at Washington and Lee University. They attend classes and get pointers on how to publish a better newspaper and yearbook. Each year they have an outstanding writer as a guest speaker. This year Rube Goldberg, noted cartoonist, was the speaker.

Mr. Goldberg starts to draw one of his cartoon inventions.

Finished cartoon--How to get the dishes washed!

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That "southern fried chicken" was really good.

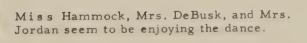
The Juniors chose "Southern Plantation" as their theme for the Junior-Senior banquet and prom. The tables were decorated with ivy covered candelabras and bowls of magnolia blossoms. The dinner featured ham and fried chicken. After the banquet everyone went to the dance. Paper lanterns, greenery, and a stone wall around the room gave the dance floor a southern atmosphere. Colored paper streamers were hung overhead. The Juniors really did a beautiful job, and the Seniors had a wonderful time.



Ernest brings Patsya corsage for the dance.



Betty and T. C., watch the camera and smile!





Intermission time at the ${\tt Junior}$ -Senior dance!



William and Peggy take a break for a coke.



Billy and Ruth say good night.



Meriwether and Shirley pose for pictures.



Jerry says, "I could have danced all night."



The last dance-the end of a lovely evening.



The Seniors straighten their caps before marching in.

Graduation

On the night of June 7th, 26 Seniors nervously awaited the first chords of "Pomp and Circumstance." All were thinking about the fun and sorrows of the past years and wondering what the future would hold for them.

After the invocation, class president, Glenn Hurt, presented the theme--"Education for Effective and Positive Living." Roger Williams, salutatory, gave a talk on "Education to Prepare for Good Citizenship." Glenn Hurt chose "Education to Combat the Threat of Communism" for his topic, and Jerry Blevins had "Education to Live in the Atomic Age" for his topic.

Mr. Wildman gave out the awards. Anne Clay, Billy Abernathy, and Ernest Robertson received athletic awards. Joy Wainwright, Otho Fraher, and Peggy Sutphin received journalism medals. Peggy also won a scholarship medal, and the Woman's Club scholarship. Anne Clay and Jerry Blevins were given the citizenship award. Rachel Hudson received the library award.

Following the awards, Peggy Sutphin, valedictory, gave a talk on "Education to Recognize the Important Things in Life." All of this came to a wonderful climax when Mr. Parr handed them their diplomas and pronounced them as graduates of Blackstone High School.

The Senior class presented a new United States flag and a new Virginia flag to the school. They also gave 16 books to the library.



Kelso Waters presents the torch to Meriwether Hurt, Junior class president.



Joy Wainwright



Peggy Sutphin



Ellen Byrd Love

The Happy Moment



Anne receives the citizenship award.



James Dalton



Otho Fraher

